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CASUALTY MESSAGE

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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN GUSTAVE ALBERT KOERNER

FOR: 1. MR. ALBERT KOERNER
7 DREZENC AVE. (OR BREVENT AVE.)
LEONARDO, N.J. 07737

2. MRS. MARY TOMS
428 ELIZABETH AVE.
TOMS RIVER, N.J. 08753

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER, MR. GUSTAVE ALBERT KOERNER. JOZEF SALIS, NEPHEW OF SOPHIA SALIS, INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT PRAGUE ON JULY 19, 1978 OF HIS DEATH BY HEART ATTACK ON JULY 15, 1978 IN BRATISLAVA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. YOUR FATHER HAD JUST ARRIVED IN BRATISLAVA WHEN HE WAS STRICKEN BY HEART ATTACK AT THE TRAIN STATION. HE WAS TAKEN TO A MEDICAL FACILITY AND PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL.

2. YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MRS. SALIS. MRS. SALIS IS STAYING WITH RELATIVES IN BRATISLAVA. SHE PLANS
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TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES SOON. AS YOU REQUESTED THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT DAVID KOERNER AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THEIR PLANS.

3. MRS. SALIS HAS YOUR FATHER'S PERSONAL EFFECTS.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED

TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR FATHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW JERSEY WOULD COST \$ 1,800.00. CREMATIONS AND SHIPMENT TO U.S. WOULD COST \$ 300.00. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$ 300.00. THE COST OF CREMATION ALONE IS \$ 200.00. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: PLEASE TELEGRAPH FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON D.C., INCLUDE IN MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN U.S., IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.
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7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 536641 IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

8. IDENTICAL MESSAGES ARE BEING SENT TO MR. ALBERT KOERNER AND MRS. MARY TOMS.

9. AS YOU REQUESTED WE WILL CONTACT MRS. SALIS AND ASK HER TO CALL YOU COLLECT.

10. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. ROBERT A. MILLSPAUGH, AMERICAN CONSUL, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
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